

## Need Assistance?

The following facilities, agencies, or organizations will help with questions or filling out the Power of Attorney for Health Care forms.

### Hospitals:

Western Wisconsin Health: 715-684-1111  
Hudson Hospital & Clinic: 715-531-6000  
River Falls Area Hospital: 715-307-6000

### Nursing Homes:

Hammond Health Services, Hammond:  
715-796-2218  
Christian Community Homes, Hudson:  
715-386-9303  
Baldwin Care Center, Baldwin:  
715-684-3231  
The Gables Care Center, New Richmond:  
715-243-3930  
Glenhaven, Inc, Glenwood City:  
715-265-4567  
Kinnic Long Term Care, River Falls:  
715-426-6000  
Park View Home, Woodville:  
715-698-2451  
St. Croix Co. Health & Rehab Center:  
715-246-8211

- At the Hospitals or Nursing Homes call to make an appointment and ask to speak with the Social Worker.

### Free Legal Clinic

St. Croix Valley Bar Association  
2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month  
6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
St. Croix County Gov't Center  
County Board Room  
1101 Carmichael Road  
Hudson, WI 54016

## What to remember when filling out a Power of Attorney for Health Care?

- Two witnesses are required who are not related to you by blood, marriage, domestic partnership or adoption and not directly financially responsible for your health care.
- Witness can not be a health care provider who is serving you at the time the document is signed unless they are a Chaplain or Social Worker.
- Witness must be 18 years of age
- Read & understand the document before signing
- Physicians, relatives, friends should be told whom you selected as a Health Care Agent.
- Make sure the person whom you choose as your Power of Attorney is someone you have great faith and trust or do not do the Power of Attorney

**\*\*\* Please Note: The information presented in this brochure should not be considered a legal opinion or advice.**

### Aging & Disability Resource Center of St. Croix County

1752 Dorset Lane  
New Richmond, WI 54017  
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Email: [adrcinfo@sccwi.gov](mailto:adrcinfo@sccwi.gov)  
Main Line: 715-381-4360  
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Fax: 715-381-4308

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## Aging & Disability Resource Center of St. Croix County

**Letting Your  
Choices for Health  
Care be Made.**

**Power of Attorney  
for Health Care**

## Why Should I have a Power of Attorney for Health Care?

- It provides a written outline of your choices about treatments you want or don't want. It also tells your family, friends and providers what medical care decisions you want made for you.
- Provides guidance to your providers. Relieves your family and friends from guessing about what types of care you want.

## Who should I talk to about a Power of Attorney?

Consulting with an attorney is always a good idea when filling out a Power of Attorney for Health Care, especially a Power of Attorney for Finances.

## What is Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care?

You choose another person to make decisions about your medical care. That person will make medical decisions for you when you are not able to speak for yourself. This person is called your "agent". You may have two agents. The first person is your primary agent. The second person is able to make decisions for you only if the first person cannot be reached or does not want to make decisions for you.



## Why are Power of Attorney forms Important?

Knowing about Power of Attorney for Health Care can help you. That way your family and health care providers are prepared for hard decisions about your care.

Wisconsin law does not automatically authorize family to make health care decisions.

### Benefits:

- \* Avoid costly court costs and Guardianship Proceedings
- \* Lets other know your wishes and guides them in difficult times
- \* Saves time for family and friends
- \* Lets you decide who makes decisions when you are unable

## Can Power of Attorneys from other states transfer to Wisconsin?

In some cases another states Power of Attorney may transfer to Wisconsin if the correct language is used that correlates with Wisconsin law. In Wisconsin if it does not specify that a person may be admitted to a nursing home or an assisted living facility; then the Power of Attorney may not admit the person to a nursing home or an assisted living facility 16 beds or larger.

## Where can I get a Power of Attorney for Health Care?

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services has advance directive forms available online. These forms are designed to be completed without the assistance of an attorney. Given your particular circumstances or concerns, however, you may want to seek legal advice from an attorney. The forms available are:

- Declaration to Physicians (Wisconsin Living Will)
- Power of Attorney for Health Care
- Power of Attorney for Finance & Property
- Authorization for Final Disposition

Copies of the forms may be obtained either by:

- <http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/forms/advance directives/index.htm>
- For one copy, send a stamped, self-addressed business sized envelope to:  
*Power of Attorney  
Division of Public Health  
PO Box 2659  
Madison, WI 53701-2659*

Remember Power of Attorney for Health Care does not let your agent make decisions in regards to your finances; you will need a Power of Attorney for Finances in order for those decisions to be made.